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1. THE EC COMMISSION SPOKESMAN, AT THE REGULAR NOON BRIEFING TODAY, INFORMED THE PRESS THAT A LONG TERM FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WITH THE US ON FISHERY WAS APPROVED AS A POINT A BY THE EC COUNCIL THIS MORNING. THE SPOKESMAN ALSO MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: THE AGREEMENT IS SCHEDULED TO BE SIGNED THIS AFTERNOON IN WASHINGTON AT 2:30 P.M. BRUSSELS TIME. IT INCLUDES PROVISIONS FOR PROCEDURES ON CONSULTATIONS OVER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT. IF A DISPUTE ARISES, IT WILL BE DEALT WITH AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE UNDER TRI-PARTITE CONSULTATIONS. (COMMENT: A JOURNALIST WHO WAS PRESENT INTERPRETED THIS TO MEAN CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE US, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE MEMBER STATE CONCERNED.) THE AGREEMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR QUOTAS. ONCE THE AGREEMENT IS SIGNED THERE WILL BE CONSULTATIONS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL QUOTAS.

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2. ONE JOURNALIST ASKED WHETHER IMPRISONMENT OF EC FISHERMEN UNDER US LAW WOULD STILL BE APPLICABLE UNDER THE AGREEMENT. THE PRESS SPOKESMAN ANSWERED THAT HE WOULD HOPE NOT. HINTON

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